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MUDA's Rs. 4.58 crore surplus budget

Mysuru, Mar.13 (RK&DM)- The MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) budget for 2023-24 presented this morning at the MUDA Office on JLB Road, envisages a slew of projects to meet the long-term requirements of Mysuru.

Last year, the MUDA presented a surplus budget of Rs. 129.76 crore for 2022-2023 which has now come down drastically to Rs. 4.58 crore due to rising expenses and a purported shortfall of revenues.

Reading out the budget, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar said MUDA envisages a revenue of Rs. 502.26 crore against an expenditure of Rs.497.68 crore, thus leaving the Authority with a surplus of Rs. 4.58 crore.

He said that it has been planned to form a residential layout at Bommenahalli on a 50:50 sharing basis with farmers who part with their land.

The other major projects include the construction of an underpass across the Ring Road that connects the First and Second Phases of Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, construction of a road underbridge to link J.P. Nagar Third Stage with J.P. Nagar Third Stage B-Zone and other localities, passing through Akkamahadevi Road at a cost of Rs. 2 crore.

MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar presenting the MUDA budget at MUDA Office in city this morning. Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar and other members were present.

In addition, the beautification of the War Memorial that is coming up near the DC's Office, at a cost of Rs.1.5 crore, construction of commercial complexes at the sites reserved for the purpose in different MUDA layouts at a cost of Rs.10 crore, development and capacity enhancement of existing sewage water treatment plants at a cost of Rs.10 crore and development of parks in MUDA developed localities and other layouts will be taken up at a cost of Rs.5 crore.

Continuing, Dinesh Kumar said that the bulk of MUDA revenue is from Layout Plan approval, Property tax and sale of sites besides the collection of cess.

Highlighting that various works are proposed to be taken up in the year 2023-24 at a cost of Rs. 453.15 crore, the Commissioner said that the MUDA expects revenue of Rs.390 crore from the sale of sites, allotment of houses, auction of sites, penalties and cess, Rs.95 crore from layout map fees, house and site taxes, Khata registration and transfer, development fee and the like, Rs.6.76 crore from rent and lease of MUDA commercial properties etc., and as well as from other sources of revenue.

He further said that the expected general administration expenses including wages of employees, purchase of new vehicles, legal expenditure, auditing expenses, computerization and a host of other expenses under various heads amount to Rs.104.03 crore. The revenue collection for the year 2022-23 has been revised to Rs. 92.13 crore from the expected Rs.72.05 crore taking into consideration the funds reserved for the Master Plan and general administration, Dinesh Kumar added.

MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar presided over the budget meeting, which was attended by MLAs Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan, MLCs Marithibbegowda, A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah and C.N. Manjegowda.

MUDA members S.B.M Manju (Corporator), G. Lingaiah, K. Madesh, S. Lakshmidevi and M.N. Naveen Kumar, City Planner Member R. Shesha, Engineer Member N.B. Channakeshava and other officials were also present. The budget meeting was followed by a MUDA Council Meeting. The Council meeting is expected to discuss allotment of CA (Civic amenities) sites, 'H' Category sites for allotment to different categories of the society and other issues that need to be addressed on priority.

Check posts, vigilance cells to curb election freebies

Rowdy-sheeters who influence voters will be banished from Mysuru: DC

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (MTY&BCT)- With reports pouring in of political functionaries across parties enticing voters with freebies and making donations to institutions and others, the Mysuru District Administration has already begun tracking the movement and distribution of goods and monetary transactions. The restrictions will come into effect when poll dates are announced.

Check posts and vigilance cells will be set up at the borders to monitor the movement of goods and other materials including narcotics and people. Surveillance cameras will be installed with webcasting facilities at these check posts to ensure 24/7 monitoring, said Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra. He was speaking with media persons at an interaction programme organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning.

DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra

"The Election Commission of India (ECI) has already passed instructions to us and has alerted us about the recent trend of political parties to influence voters by offering freebies with an eye on elections. We, along with the GST will keep a hawk-eye on the movement of freebies," he said.

We have roped Police, Excise, Commercial Tax and Transport Departments to monitor activities and Nodal Officers have been appointed to coordinate with such facilities and carry out raids in case of any suspicious movement of goods, persons, or vehicles," the DC added.

(See ELECTION on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 13th March 2023

Award for city woman industrialist

Mysuru, Mar.13- Madhavi Latha Jagadish, Proprietor of Eureka Extrusions and Finishers at Kadakola Industrial Area in the city outskirts, was conferred 'Best Woman Entrepreneur' Award at the Women's Day celebrations organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FKCCI) at Bengaluru on Mar. 9.

Madhavi

FKCCI President B.V. Gopal Reddy, Women Entrepreneurs Committee Chairperson Uma Reddy and others were present on the occasion.

Madhavi Latha Jagadish is an active member of Mysuru's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Council (MSME Council).

Sandal Urus Shariff celebration

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (KS)- The annual Jashne-e-Sandal Urus Shariff of Hazarath Imam Sha Wali will be held at the Darga Shrine of Hazarath Imam Sha Wali on Krishna Vilas Road in Devaraja Mohalla here after Maghrib Salath at 7 pm on Mar. 18, according to Muthawali Darga O Sajjad Nasheen Mohammed Naqeebulla Sha Khadree.

Fatha Khawni, Sandal Paste, spreading of flower mat, Darud-o-Salam will be performed and emotional Duwa Shariff will be offered at the Shrine followed by Tabruk (Dinner).

On Mar. 17 (Friday) at 3 pm after Friday prayer, celebration of Jashne Eid Meelad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Prophet Muhammad will be held and after Fatha Khawni, Darud-o-Salam, Duwa will be performed. Lunch will be arranged by the Management. For details, call: 98453-02996.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A law for fixing a uniform age for declaring an individual to be an adult is not yet formulated, and there is utter confusion about when one is actually an adult in India. A person attains adulthood multiple times. Strange, but true.

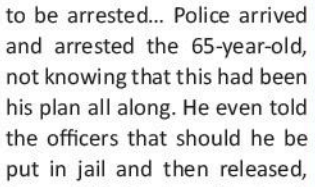
The issue of treating a person to be considered an adult and fixing a proper age regardless of whether it is for the purchase of an air ticket, for giving consent for marriage, for punishment to be meted out for committing a crime, or even for booking a movie ticket, or for transacting in banks, etc., needs to be uniformly addressed, and thus a change to the erstwhile system of age classification for consideration as an adult or a child requires amendment. A person should either be considered as falling in the category of minors (children) or as a major (adult).

There may hardly be any requirement for deviation in the fixation of an age limit for a particular person to be treated as an adult or as a child and to carry different age limits for different activities and accordingly modify as per varying situations. It would be useful if consideration were given to fixing a uniform age for treating any person as an adult. After all, a person can and should be treated as an adult only once for whatever purpose and not multiple times, ranging from the age of 12 years to 21 years.

—Subbiah Sridhar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man robs 1 dollar from bank to get into jail



Salt Lake City: A Utah man actually robbed a bank for only $1 just so he could get arrested and thrown into federal prison.

65-year-old Donald Santacroce pulled off one of the most bizarre bank robberies in history. He reportedly walked into a Wells Fargo Bank near 300 South Main Street in Salt Lake City and handed over a note to one of the tellers.

The piece of paper read "Please pardon me for doing this but this is a robbery. Please give me $1.00 Thank you." The teller must have thought it was a joke, because they complied with Santacroce's demand, but also asked him to leave with his $1. Only he told them that he had just robbed the bank and that they should probably call the police. He then sat down in the bank lobby and waited to be arrested... Police arrived and arrested the 65-year-old, not knowing that this had been his plan all along. He even told the officers that should he be put in jail and then released, he would just rob another bank for more money until he ends up in federal prison.

Motorists drive through the middle of a river

Beijing: A mountainous river valley in China's Hubei province is home to one of the Asian country's most impressive pieces of infrastructure – a highway bridge that runs through the middle of a river.

Finalized in 2015, China's 'river highway' is widely regarded as an infrastructural wonder. Designed to link the town of Gufuzhen in Xingshan county to the main highway running between Shanghai and Chengdu in southwestern China. In fact, there was already a road running along the river.

So a team of engineers showed that building a highway bridge over the river was both cheaper and faster than building the highway on land. Plus it solved all the other issues as well.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Blood flow in your kidneys are higher than your heart, liver and brain.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

'A Day with Farmers' Workshop in Manasagangothri on Mar. 14

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (SSM)- The Department of Studies in Botany of the University of Mysore (UoM) has organised a workshop titled 'Raitharondige Ondu Dina' (A day with farmers) with the theme 'Krushiyalli Staliya mattu Utkrushta Bijagala Mahatwa' on Mar. 14 at Linnaeus Hall in Manasagangothri campus in city.

The workshop will be inaugurated at 10.30 am. Kerala Forest Research Institute retired Scientist Dr. U.M. Chandrasekhara will be the chief guest while UoM Registrar (Administration) V.R. Shylaja will preside. UoM Department of Studies in Botany Chairman Prof. K.N. Amruthesh and Department staff Prof. G.R. Janardhan will be present on the occasion.

The day-long programme will feature special lectures by resource persons.

11 am to 12.15 pm: Dr. U.M. Chandrasekhara will speak on the topic 'Krushiyalli Bijagala Mahatwa.'

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm: University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Professor Dr. Vishnuvardhan will speak on 'Krushiyalli Staliya mattu Sankara Bijagala Mahatwa.'

2.30 pm to 3.30 pm: University for Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, Department of Seed Science and Technology Professor Dr. M.N. Shakuntala will speak on 'Bija Utkrushtate mattu Tapasane;

3.45 pm to 4.45 pm: Zonal Agricultural Research Station, VC Farm, Mandya, Professor Dr. V.B. Sanath Kumar will speak on 'Bija rogagala hatoti mattu Bijopachara.'

After the lecture sessions, there will be a 15-minute interaction programme with the farmers between 4.45 pm and 5 pm.

REALLY...?

- ***Flamingos bend their legs at the ankle, not the knee. They essentially stand on tip-toe. Their knees are closer to the body and are covered by feathers.***
- ***There are only six species of flamingos in the world, and several have subspecies divisions. All flamingos belong to the Phoenicopteridae family.***
- ***The word "flamingo" comes from the Spanish and Latin word "flamenco," meaning fire, referring to those birds that get fiery-colored feathers***
- ***An adult flamingo's legs can be 30- to 50-inches long — longer than its entire body. Flamingos often stand on one leg to preserve body heat, tucking the other leg into their warm plumage. They will alternate legs to regulate their body temperature.***
- ***Flamingos are strong but rare swimmers and powerful fliers. Many flamingos migrate or regularly fly between the best food sources and nesting grounds.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Student: *Sir you only teach one subject! Also the others teachers teach only one or two subjects?*
Teacher: *Yes!*
Student: *Then why only students have to do all subjects sir?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.88
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.19
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.29
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.80

VOICE OF THE READER

Fix glitches of pre-paid auto counter at City Railway Station

Sir,

I was very happy to see the report on pre-paid autorickshaw counter near Infosys Technologies, Hootagalli, that was reopened (*SOM* dated Jan. 22).

I am sure that this pre-paid autorickshaw counter will help most of the working people in that area and regular commuters.

I also appreciate this people-friendly initiative by the authorities concerned.

Through this column, I request the authorities concerned to re-open the pre-paid auto counter at City Railway Station (second gate adjacent to Railway Museum) or to make it work effectively (if it's already working).

My experience has been very pathetic with this pre-paid auto counter as it is closed most of the times. Even if it's open, the computer system will be either down or pre-paid receipts are written manually, which will lead to long queues and inaccurate fare.

This is causing severe inconvenience to senior citizens and women who travel alone.

Once again, I request the authorities concerned to address the glitches on priority.

—Jayathirtha Rao
Hebbal II Stage
22.1.2023

City photojournalists bag medals at Intl. photography competition

Basavanna *Madhusudan*

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (SSM)- City photojournalists M.S. Basavanna (Anurag Basavaraj) and S.R. Madhusudan have bagged medals at the Imagix Photo Club of Santipur (IPCS) International Helios Circuit 2023 Photography Competition organised jointly by IPCS, West Bengal and Photographic Society of America (PSA) recently.

M.S. Basavanna, who is also the City Vice-President of Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA), has bagged four medals — two gold medals (one circuit gold medal - Judging 1 and one fotosoul gold medal-Judging 2) and a silver medal (Judging six) in the Digital: Photo Journalism (PJD) category for his photograph on 'Leopard attack in public.' He has got one circuit bronze medal in the Digital: Nature (ND) category for his photograph on 'Tiger chasing Wild Boar.'

Basavanna's award-winning photo — 'Tiger chasing Wild Boar.'

Madhusudan's award-winning photograph 'Babbler feeding Common Cuckoo.'

S.R. Madhusudan, who is also a wildlife photographer, bagged the honorary medal for his picture of 'Babbler Feeding Common Cuckoo.'

Photographers from over 30 countries including USA, Ukraine, Japan, Canada, Germany etc., had taken part in the photography contest sending around 4,500 photographs.

World Consumers Day on Mar. 15

Mysuru, Mar. 13- Mysore Grahakara Parishat, Yadavagiri, Mysuru, in association with Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences (BIMS), University of Mysore, has organised World Consumers Day celebrations at Rani Bahadur Auditorium in BIMS premises, Manasagangotri, on Mar. 15 at 9.45 am.

Naveena Kumari, President, Mysore District Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission, will be the main speaker.

Dr. Anand, Chairman, BIMS, will be the special invitee. Shobhana, Working President, MGP, will preside, according to a press release from Dr. Sekhar S. Iyer, EC Member, MGP.

Students advised to shun negative thoughts

15th Graduation Day of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science

Mysuru, Mar. 13- Commercial Taxes Commissioner C. Shikha advised students to shun negative thoughts and focus on positivity to realise their desired goals and dreams.

She was speaking as the chief guest at the 15th Graduation Day of JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science on Ooty Road here yesterday.

Asking the students to think and dream big, Shikha, an IAS officer who had previously served as Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC), said that students must work hard to achieve their dreams and aspirants of competitive exams must give top priority for knowledge enhancement and keep themselves updated on the latest developments across the globe.

Calling upon graduates to develop the habit of working hard so that they are not stressed out in future, she said that one has to give his/ her best for clearing the Civil Services Exam conducted by the UPSC.

Recalling her service in Gadag which was known for flash floods, Shikha explained how she and her officials worked round the clock to rescue and rehabilitate people. Urging the graduates to join the Indian work force, she highlighted the kind of opportunities that exist and how fresh graduates can contribute to the development of the nation.

Maintaining that almost all Government servants right from Village Accountants (VAs) to IAS Officers work under tremendous pressure for the welfare of the society, she said that students must take all their failures as stepping stones to success without giving up hopes on achieving their set goals.

Highlighting the importance of Graduation Day in the life of a student, she advised the girl students to give importance to higher education. Women employees in the Commercial Taxes Department are playing a crucial role in record GST Tax collection, she added.

Shikha also called upon the students to use social media and other communication tools and scientific and technological applications for the betterment of their personality, career, profession and society.

A total of 1,054 students, including 594 graduates and 460 post-graduates received their degrees on completion of various courses. 65 Rank holders and top scorers were felicitated on the occasion. Also, 10 students were distributed Endowment Prizes.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, College CEO Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, Principal Prof. M.P. Vijayendrakumar, Controller of Examinations Dr. B. Prabhuswamy, Dr. N. Rajendra Prasad and others were present during the programme.

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Health Sanitary Inspector course

National Centre for Fire and Safety Engineering has invited online applications for admission to Government of India certified Health Sanitary Inspector, Health Safety Environment and Fire and Industrial Safety courses from candidates who have passed 10+2, Degree and Post Graduation. After successful completion of the courses in Health Sanitary Inspector, Govt. of India Org. will conduct exam and award certificates. Candidates who have passed the exams will get opportunities in job profiles such as Safety Executive, Health Safety Officer, Safety Supervisor, Health Sanitary Inspector in corporate hospitals, pharmaceutical industries, star hotels and healthcare industries. Those interested, may apply online by logging on to *www.ncttindia.com* and the last date to apply id Mar. 21. For details, contact Mob: 63023-55872, according to a press release.

Takes charge as VTU Regional Director

Dr. Renukamurthy

Dr. T.P. Renukamurthy, Professor, Department of MBA, VTU PG Centre, Mysuru, took charge as the Regional Director of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Mysuru, at the VTU Regional Office at Hanchya-Sathagalli Layout in the city on Thursday.

VTU Ph.D awardee

M. Rakesh has been awarded Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering Sciences by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) for his thesis "Fabrication & Performance Evaluation of PVDF Polymer Based Composites for Sensor Applications" submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.R. Narendra Babu.

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,284.00**	feet
Today	:	**2,262.78**	feet
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Outflow	:	**1,050**	cusecs

Chief Election Commissioner
warns candidates against inducing voters

Bengaluru, Mar.13 (TRR)- Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar has warned candidates contesting the forthcoming State Assembly elections against inducing voters. "Strict actions will be taken against such candidates with immediate effect and directions have been given to officials in this connection," he said while speaking to the media about the preparations that are being done with regard to State Assembly elections on Saturday.

"It is a big challenge to prevent the use of money to lure voters in Karnataka elections. To prevent, it is not necessary to wait for the announcements of election dates. The authorities have been given full powers to initiate legal action in such cases," said the CEC.

> Money movement will be keenly observed. Vehicles transporting cash to Banks and ATMs will be barred from operating after 5 pm. We are also keeping a vigil on withdrawals of large amount and purchase of domestic equipment in large numbers. For the first time, those who are above 80 years and specially abled will be provided facility to vote from their home. Within 5 days of the notification of Election time-table, Form 12D will be made available and those who want to vote should fill this Form and submit the same to the authorities concerned. This will enable those above 80 years of age and specially abled persons can exercise their voting rights from their home.
>
> **— Rajiv Kumar, Chief Election Commissioner**

Stating that the Election Commission of India (ECI) is fully prepared to ensure a free and fair election, the CEC said that stringent action against will be taken against officials who are accused of working in a partisan manner.

"We have reviewed the preparations. The election time-table including the dates of voting and the number of phases will be announced after a meeting to be held in New Delhi," the CEC said while replying to a query.

Persons who are aged above 80 years, specially abled and those suffering from serious diseases will be given the opportunity to vote from their home in this election. Even the political parties have given their consent to this, concluded the CEC.

Election Commissioners Anoop Chandra Pande, Arun Goel and State Election Commissioner Manoj Kumar Meena were present at the press meet.

BJP must return to power in State for development: Union Minister

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (MK&BS)- Union Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar has said "In a span of eight years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government has carried out development works that weren't possible in 70 years. The people of the State have faith in the Central Government that has garnered the attention of the world through all round development."

The Union Minister was speaking at the meeting after launching a campaign to collect suggestions for preparing the election manifesto, organised at a private hotel in city recently.

"BJP-led Central Government has reached the pride of the country all over the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi can be described as *Yuga Purusha* (Man of the era) without any doubt. Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni during her visit to India had described Narendra Modi as the most popular and lovable leader in the world, which adds credence to it. India has now emerged as the world's third powerful nation in economy against the 10th rank in development index earlier," added Gurjar.

Like Congress, Prime Minister has no worries about 'parivar' (dynastic), as he believes in the slogan 'Nation First.' The country has witnessed development in the last eight years than it was 70 years ago. Earlier, there were 73 airports and now the country has added similar number of Airports in Modi's tenure of 8.5 years. New airports have come up in Mysuru, Hubballi, Shivamogga and Hassan, besides merging and developing the highways. The numbers of medical colleges have also doubled and cleanliness has been given due preference through Swachh Bharat Mission. There are several such examples of achievements on the part of the Government in digitalisation and management of financial crisis during crucial time of COVID-19 pandemic, said Minister Gurjar.

The products that were imported from other countries, are being manufactured here in the country under the concept of 'Make in India.' The initiative has been taken to build Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, besides scrapping Article 370, the historical decision that has augmented internal security of the country. The industrialists shall invest only if there is a secured atmosphere or else they won't, the Union Minister claimed.

"There are no challenges either before Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. But one who faces future challenges of the country assume significance. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai are working in this regard and have also given hopes on these lines," Minister Gurjar asserted.

BJP Government will return to power for sure at the Centre. If the BJP Government doesn't return to power in the State, development is impossible. The whole country is looking at Karnataka elections, which can be considered as a semi-final for 2024 Lok Sabha elections, added Gurjar.

Industrialists, traders, representatives of organisations and associations and BJP leaders gave their suggestions for the manifesto.

Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Yashaswi Somashekar, Chairman of Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd. (MYLAC) Raghu Kautilya, Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Mirle Srinivas Gowda, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District Convener Mallaraj Urs, leader Dr. Siddaramaiah and others were present.

Obituary

Kempaiah

Mysuru, Mar. 13- Kempaiah (80), a resident of Yaraganahalli, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons, daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Yaraganahalli Burial Grounds today, according to family sources.

K.G. Giriraju

Gonikoppal (Kodagu): K.G. Giriraju (75), an ex-serviceman and a resident of Seegetodu, passed away on Saturday night.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his native place Karkalli Burial Grounds in Somwarpet yesterday, accoprding to family sources.

Mayamma

Napoklu: Dotty Mayamma (83), wife of late Kaanananda Ganapathi and a resident of Kolakeri village, passed away on Friday at the village.

She leaves behind four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Kolakeri on Saturday, according to family sources.

Wayside amenities soon on Expressway: Gadkari

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspecting a special photo gallery of the images of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway during the project inauguration in Mandya yesterday. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Pralhad Joshi are also seen.

Mandya, Mar. 13 (Agencies)- The Centre will come up with wayside amenities by the side of National Highways including the newly-opened 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway for passengers, truckers and tourists. The Expressway was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mandya yesterday.

Addressing the public meeting after the inauguration, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said that facilities under the policy, drafted by the Ministry, will offer a range of services that will include parking for vehicles, food courts, heliport, droneport, fuel stations, restrooms and kiosks for sale of local specialities and help battle unemployment.

"Recognising the lack of wayside amenities along the highways as we see in Germany, Europe and the US, we have decided to provide wayside amenities National Highways, which will be developed through private participation. In Karnataka, such roadside amenities will be provided at 23 places," he said.

The roadside amenities will also feature stalls for handicrafts, handlooms, silk, wooden carving, furniture, honey and sandalwood products. "These facilities will not only provide adequate rest and refreshment for different highway commuters such as cars, buses and heavy vehicles but will offer area-specific handicrafts by local artisans besides local food and fruits. We will provide free road access permission to facilities, besides facilitating the setting up of oil and gas outlets," he added.

He said the 118-km-long Expressway project faced difficulties at the initial stage as fertile land had to be acquired from farmers for the construction of the highway. "There were only 24 underpasses in the original plan of the Expressway but due to demands from local representatives and MPs, the total number of underpasses had increased to 89," he revealed.

"Now with the launch of the Expressway, there will be an increase in the number of tourists from within the country and foreign nations visiting Mysuru and it will also contribute to the development of the region. Tourists can travel in an hour between Bengaluru and Mysuru without any traffic problems," Gadkari said.

On the Mysuru-Kushalnagar Corridor project, being developed at a cost of Rs. 4,130 crore he said the 93-km stretch, which will connect Bengaluru and Mangaluru, will boost the economic activity in the region.

"The journey between Mysuru and Kushalnagar will be reduced to half from five hours saving fuel and reducing pollution. As Kodagu is rated as one of the top hill stations in the country, it helps travellers reach their destinations easily. This route can be an alternative to reach Mangaluru port, he said.

Talk of infrastructure development with *Kesaribath, Masala Dosa, Pongal*

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (BCT)- After the stellar roadshow in Mandya and the public rally at Gejjalagere Colony by Prime Minister Narendra Modi held as part of the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, the dignitaries accompanying the PM on stage including Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and MP Pratap Simha took some time off and landed at Shivalli Hotel and savoured tasty snacks offered by the hotel.

The Prime Minister had left Mandya to Dharwad by then. A beaming Pratap Simha, whose tireless efforts ensured the conceptualisation, implementation and clearing all roadblocks of the project, took Gadkari to the hotel where *Kesaribath, Masala Dosa* and *Pongal* was served.

Secretary of Ministry for Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) Alka Upadhya and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav too accompanied Gadkari and had the taste of local flavours.

Using the opportunity to have a one-on-one meeting with Gadkari, MoRTH Secretary and BHAI Chairman, Pratap Simha urged them to initiate the road works of the four-lane Expressway between Paschimavahini and Guddehosur for which the foundation stone was laid by the PM. This apart, the MP also took up the issue of upgrading the Nanjangud National Highway from the present four lanes to six lanes.

He also mentioned upgrading and widening Mysuru-H.D. Kote-Manandavadi Road and Mysuru-Malavalli-Kirangooru-Pandavapura-Nagamangala Road. "The Minister responded positively and told me the Centre is for development, increasing employment and ease of business and would spare no efforts to make world-class infrastructure a reality," Simha told *Star of Mysore*.

"The Minister was fully relaxed as a crucial project that will boost the all-round growth of Mysuru has been dedicated to the nation. He also appreciated the taste of the dishes served to him," the MP added.

'Software aiding Kannada must be developed'

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (BS)- Chief Minister's e-Governance Advisor Belur Sudarshan has said "Apart from the community, the software conducive for the progress of Kannada should also be developed. Knowledge and Technology should go hand in hand, as it is difficult for the technology to progress without the aid of knowledge. If the development of Kannada happens, it will facilitate the progress of community too."

Addressing e-Kammata session organised by the State Government, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) and e-Governance at Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysuru, recently Sudarshan said that if technology grows, knowledge also progresses.

"Both are two faces of a same coin. Along with this, Kannada also should progress and Kannada software should be made accessible to all. A meeting of interested Kannada software developers chaired by then Kannada Development Authority (KDA) Chairman T. S. Nagabharana in Bengaluru, had been convened, which had discussed on similar lines," he said.

There are many volunteering to work for the cause of Kannada. There are also many persons amongst us who developed technology for the development of Kannada. Kannada should grow on digital platforms and the field of publication should also join hands in this regard. If they work ignoring technology, it may crop up new issues. The e-Book technology can also prosper, he added.

Director (Planning) of e-Governance Cell, Kannada Centre, H. L. Prabhakar said "These plans should be taken to community level. In the first phase, we should work on building a mould for development of Kannada and its software by involving those having an authority on language and technology."

Of late, Kannada is being translated through Google. Hence we have to bring a suitable system, as there is no lack of information in Kannada. If the suitable advises are received, it will be helpful in developing Kannada and related technology, he added.

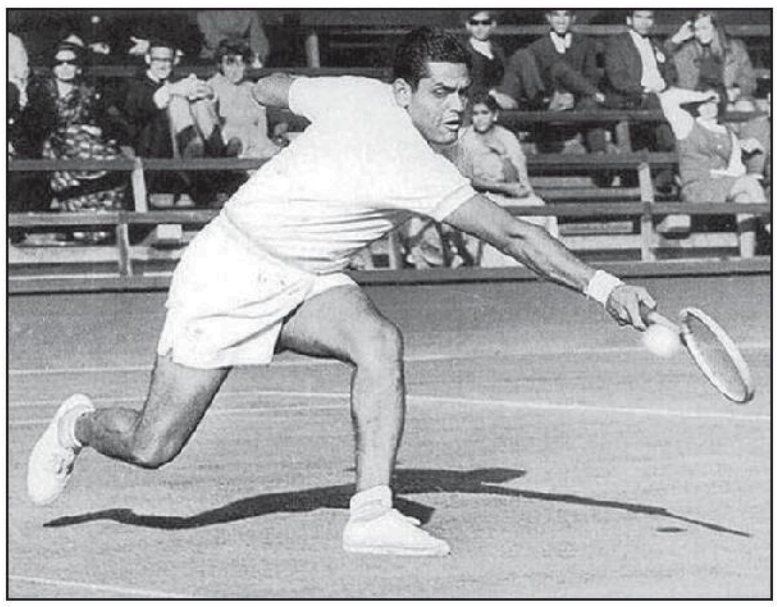
Former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda said, "A small country like Estonia has become a model for the world in incorporating blockchain technology. Land records, citizenship records, voters records, banking records have all been included in blockchain technology. In the last two elections, the people have not gone to polling booths, as they have voted from the comfort of their home, using blockchain technology."

India lags behind in incorporating this. There is a provision to provide services like banking, insurance and health by installing blockchain technology. It is safe, valuable and a transparent technology. ChatGPT like technology can be used for addressing administrative and technology related queries, he added.

TENNIS TALK

By U.B. Acharya

Can India produce a Grand Slam Champion?



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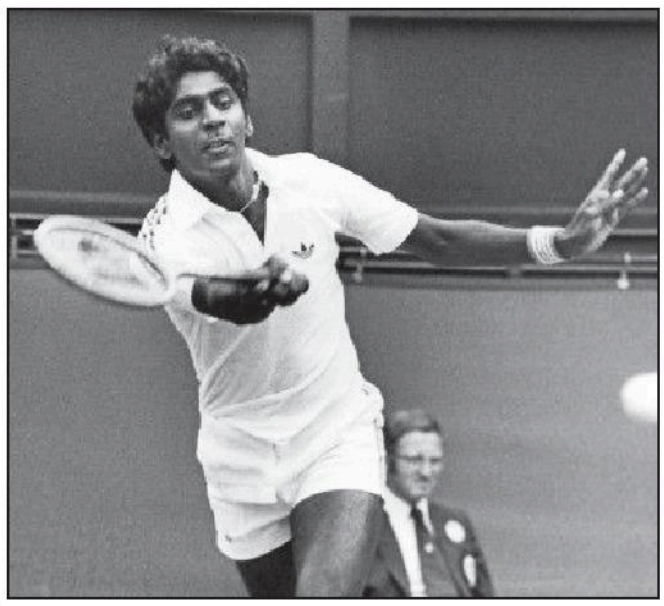

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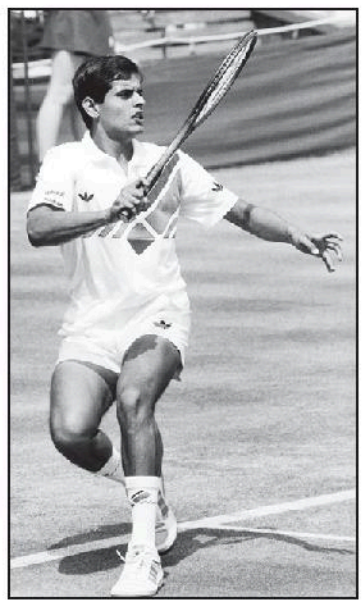


Ramesh Krishnan

In a recent middle piece article in the centre page of a national newspaper, the writer has lamented that while small countries like Switzerland, Serbia, Croatia, Greece etc. have produced top class tennis players why could not India with such a large population produce one Grand Slam champion. He has suggested that industrialists like Ambani should sponsor a Grand Slam Championship in India to popularise the game of tennis.

I believe that this will not serve any purpose. Because India already has an ATP 250 tournament and several ATP Challenger tournaments and this has not produced the desired result.

As we all know, India has an excellent cricket infrastructure and a great team but unfortunately it is not truly global. We are very good at Kabaddi and again it is not global. Also, at one time we were the best hockey team in the world but now relegated to second level because the game is now power game rather than skilful dribbling. Regarding other team sports we are just in the also ran category.

Regarding individual sport, we have world champions in chess and in women's badminton and to some extent in men's badminton also. I feel that we need to nurture these events fully. Because success breeds success. For example, Australian Lew Hoad after winning multiple Major titles in tennis in 1950s was followed by a dozen other champions. Similarly, we can give examples of Sweden in 1970s and recently of Spain.

However, if India is really serious about producing a grand slam tennis champion, we need to start from scratch. Firstly, the child must show aptitude for tennis by the time he or she is four or five years old. This can be cultivated by the parents themselves if they are good tennis players (at least of club level) and practice with the kid and also, watch many important tennis matches on TV with the kids. Secondly, the child must have talent and will to work very hard at it. Thirdly, parents will have to arrange coaching under a reputed coach usually as a group of young players. This does not come cheap but many parents these days can afford this.

The next level (fourth) is really the crucial one. This may require six to eight hours of practice and physical exercise. To meet this effort proper diet is also essential. At this stage group coaching will not do but individual coaching is essential. At this stage parents will have shell out considerable amount of money. I know of a foreign champion saying that his parents mortgaged their home to finance his coaching!

Here the industrialists might be of great help. If any one of the companies take the responsibility of financing his coaching in a reputed tennis academy in a foreign country that would be beneficial. Also, parents and the player have to make a once in a lifetime decision. He will have to say goodbye to his normal schooling schedule. Here the industrialist has to guarantee the parents that in case he does not make the grade to play international competitions, they would employ him in a decent job in their establishment.

Assuming that he shows promise in the fourth level, with the advice of a full-time coach he should enter into ITF Features and ATP Challengers tournament. Travelling all over the world even with a small team is expensive but is required. Winning these tournaments earn points and improve ranking. This is the time to become a professional.

From this level one graduates into proper ATP tournaments. If one wins one ATP 250 tournament one's ranking will improve considerably. This has to happen by the time he is 18-year-old. ATP has week by week ranking system and it goes down to 1000. If a player's ranking reaches below 200, he will gain attention of the press and probably some sponsors to advertise their products.

Top 128 players gain direct entry into Grand Slam events and top 50 players these days earn good money. All these players have more or less the same game. They all serve well and have equally good forehand and backhand. But the top 20 players are of a different kind. They structure the points in an intelligent way and eventually win crucial points. This requires some mental strength and self-belief. However, the Grand Slam Champion is invariably one of the top five players!

In late 1940s, Ramanathan quit his Government job in Delhi, moved South and personally coached his son Krishnan. For that he built a court in his compound. Krishnan became a junior Wimbledon Champion but could not go beyond semi-finals in Grand Slams. In turn his son Ramesh also became a junior Wimbledon Champion but could not cut in senior level. Similarly, Vijay also reached certain height but not a Grand Slam Champion.

In conclusion, to the question posed in the beginning, I would say that it is not imposable but a herculean task. My earnest wish is that some parents would take the plunge and go for it because unless one tries one will not succeed.

Prize-winners of Yogasana Championship

Mysuru, Mar. 13- The following students of Sree Nataraja Public School, Sri Hosmath, won prizes in South India Yogasana Sports Championship, jointly organised by Government of Karnataka, District Administration, Mysuru and Zilla Panchayat, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), Karnataka Yogasana Sports Association, SGS International Yoga Foundation and Research Centre, Mysuru, at Sri Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, on Feb. 26:

Vedika Manya Shivam (VI std.) - I and II Place; Harshitha (V std.) - II Place; 3. Ragath Giri (VII std.) - II and III Place; Lakshmikanth (IV std.) - II Place; Tanvitha (I std.) - II Place; Druthi (V std.) - IV Place; M.D. Vaishnavi (VII std.) - IV Place.

The prize-winners of Yogasana Championship — Druthi, Harshitha, Tanvitha, M.D. Vaishnavi, Vedika Manya Shivam, Lakshmikanth and Ragath Giri — are seen with Yoga and PT Teacher Ravanikar and Principal S.M. Sathya Sulochana.

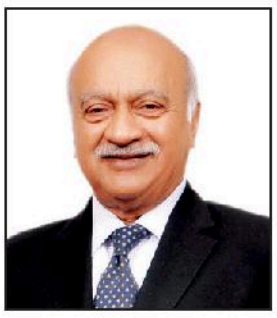
To Our Readers

Star of Mysore will carry articles relating to the forthcoming Karnataka State Assembly Elections periodically to **educate and also to inform** the voters about the significance of their vote and its value for good governance in our Democracy. It is expected that shortly the calendar of events for the election will be announced. As a harbinger of the election, the political parties in our State have already started campaigning seeking support from the voters to their respective party candidates.

Star of Mysore is publishing the first article in this regard under the title "Countdown for State Assembly Elections" here below. — **Ed**.

Countdown for State Assembly Election

Why Should we vote?



By Ravi Joshi
Formerly in the Cabinet Secretariat

Democracy is a government by consent and the vote is an expression of that consent. Our consent gives legitimacy to the rulers.

What is the meaning of a vote? Firstly, a vote is an expression of implicit Trust. We the People, in whom the ultimate sovereignty resides, hand over a portion of our power to the representative of a political party to rule us, in exchange for certain inalienable rights. They are called Fundamental Rights and are listed in Part III of the Constitution of India.

Secondly, a vote does not merely indicate an electoral choice but is an expression of faith in Constitutional values and norms. It's also an indication of hope that our lives will change for better by voting for a particular party.

Thirdly, a vote is an assertion of equality. The principle of 'one man, one vote' ensures political democracy. B. R. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee, however, had serious reservations about whether this top-dressing of political democracy on an **extremely unequal and unjust social hierarchy** will help bring about true equality. His fears have been proved right.

Fourthly, voting is a fundamental right as well as a duty in a democracy. Voting becomes the most assertive way of inscribing peoples' presence on the body politic. By showing up in large numbers the people assert their right to be counted and recognised. They remind the powerful elite that they too exist and can determine their fate as rulers.

Fifthly, through our vote, we not only elect a ruling party but also the Opposition, which has an equally important role in a 'Constitutional republic', a government governed by the 'Rule of Law' and not one that is dictated by the fancies of an autocratic ruler. **The Opposition parties enter the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assembly, with equal legitimacy.** And it is their duty to hold the ruling party accountable and answerable to the public.

Democracy and Citizenship

What is so important about democracy? It offers the best opportunity for a peaceful transfer of power and prevents the rise of dictatorships or military rule that violently overthrows a regime.

Secondly, it eliminates the fear of being killed, beaten or humiliated for what one says or does in public, either in criticising the ruling party or protesting at what we may consider as 'anti-people' legislation. The best example of a successful protest, in recent times, was by the farmers of UP, Haryana and Punjab against the three Farm Laws, for over one year, after which they were repealed by the government. This is the power of democracy.

Thirdly, no other political system considers the people's views on their needs, wants and goals as democracy does; hence despite its faults, it is the best form of government.

We now realise that voting has not merely an instrumental value but also an intrinsic value for it empowers us with the ability to change our rulers and truly become sovereign citizens.

Here we must note that on 15th August 1947, we all became free men and women from being 'subjects' of the British Empire or that of any Princely State, but it was only on 26th January 1950 that we became citizens of a Sovereign Democratic Republic. A citizen is a legally and constitutionally recognised entity with a clear set of Fundamental Rights.

As we head for the upcoming elections to the Legislative Assembly in Karnataka, amidst an extremely polarised and divided society, let us first resolve to exercise our right to vote. And while doing so, let us read the Preamble of our Constitution and vote for the candidate, who is most likely to follow the principles laid down therein.

Check posts, vigilance cells to curb election freebies

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Regarding voter awareness, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra said that their goal this time was to achieve the maximum voting percentage and elaborate plans have been chalked out to achieve the same. "Through SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation), we want to achieve greater participation of both urban and rural voters. We are focussing on booth-level awareness programmes where there will be one-on-one contact between the voter and the respective booth officer whose phone numbers will be displayed on the booth notice boards," he added.

In addition, Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verification Paper Trail (VVPAT) machines have been kept at all the nine taluk centres for voter awareness in Mysuru. "Anyone can go and check the working of the machines and even mock vote so that it can be practised well before the elections," the DC said. The Police and the District Administration will take stringent action against rowdy-sheeters who influence voters and already, a couple of them have been banished from Mysuru and appropriate orders have been passed. The Police have already submitted a list of such rowdy-sheeters and the process is on to extern them," Dr. Rajendra added.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Vice-President M.S. Basavanna, General Secretary M. Subramanya and City Secretary Rangaswamy were present during the interaction.

DC talks about promoting tourism

DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning as** (from left) **MDJA General Secretary M. Subramanya, City Vice-President M.S. Basavanna (Anurag Basavaraj), President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) and City Secretary Rangaswamy (Ranganna) look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra said that the District Administration was planning to host year-long theme-based entertainment to hold tourists in Mysuru. "A 52-week schedule is being drawn up by the DC's Office in coordination with all the 30 Departments. Tomorrow, the Deputy Commissioner or the officers might change but the programmes should continue," he said.

Dr. Rajendra was speaking at an interaction with media persons organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Thyagaraja Road in the city this morning.

"Though Mysuru is a Heritage City and a culturally rich place with a lot of tourist footfalls, we are unable to retain or hold the tourists as we do not have a planned tourist entertainment schedule. Tourists come here and use Mysuru as a transit point to go to other places or come here while returning. We will soon come out with a concrete plan and will involve tourism stakeholders to plan events and execute them," he said.

"We have to retain tourists beyond 6 pm and plan events at tourist hubs including the Mysore Palace which can be opened beyond 6.30 pm and can even be illuminated till 10 pm. The theme-based entertainment will focus on the Unique Selling Point (USP) of Mysuru like yoga, millet cultivation and product range and specialities of culture and tradition. We are in the process of chalking out the plan along with 30 departments and these plans will be a permanent feature of Mysuru," Dr. Rajendra added.

Srinivas Bhat Memorial Theatre Music Fest at Kirurangamandira

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (SPN&DM)- 'Cheeni Mama, Tingala Mama', a theatre music fest organised jointly by Charu Samskrutika Pratishtana and Bank Naukarara Balaga in memory of noted Rangayana theatre artiste Srinivas Bhat (popularly known as Cheeni Mama) who passed away recently, began at Kirurangamandira in Rangayana premises here on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, woman activist D. Sheelakumari said that Srinivas Bhat used to give importance for teaching theatre music to students during the annual College Rangotsava organised at Rangayana. Srinivas also inspired students to actively involve themselves in theatre, she said. Stating that students who worked under him learnt the art of theatre, she said it is happy to note that they have shaped their careers in different fields and excelled in their chosen profession.

Later, artistes of Charu Samskrutika Pratishtana — Sannutha Mohan, Akshata Kumta, C. Aruna, Kiran, Prayag Kore, Srikantaswamy, Anush Shetty, Sundaresh Devapriyam (Munna), Chidambar Kulkarni — performed on the occasion.

A big push that put women on path to self-sufficiency

Celebrating Women's Day with helpless women who have now scripted success stories

Rajamma

Kala Aravind

Deepa

Jaya

Mahadevamma

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (BCT)- Being financially independent can liberate and empower women in a big way. It bridges the gap between pseudo-independence where they depend on men and their families for financial support and complete independence where they are fully empowered, earning and even supporting other women.

When a woman becomes dependent on herself for her financial security, she is not only more confident with the decisions she makes but also models as an encouragement for other women to follow.

Mysuru-based ***Koog-u Foundation*** celebrated its successful women beneficiaries on the International Women's Day, 2023. These women are achievers in their respective fields, braving the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment and personal loss.

The Foundation encouraged self-employment to mitigate the pandemic's devastating effects on women living in abject poverty, especially in rural areas. These women needed special support to break the poverty trap.

An initial big push of cash, productive assets or items to trade and continuous handholding and mentoring to use these assets have led to lasting changes in the income of these women.

Cancer survivor leads a comfortable life

Rajamma, a 55-year-old cancer survivor, used to sell flowers to eke out a living. She approached the Koog-u Foundation three years ago as she had no money even to buy medicines for her treatment. To add to her woes, she had to shift her flower shop during the pandemic and her husband was in critical condition with COVID.

Koog-u Foundation counselled her and took the responsibility of restarting her flower business. It helped Rajamma get back on her feet and protected and saved her family from poverty. Today in 2023, Rajamma is a proud entrepreneur and is back in the flower business. She has expanded her trade by hiring women who lost their husbands during the pandemic.

Home-based beauty services

In another similar story, **Kala Aravind,** who was working in a beauty parlour in Mysuru, lost her job as small businesses were laying off workers during the pandemic. Koog-u Foundation stepped in and created a platform for her to provide home-based services. This gesture enabled her to continue working, earning and thriving. Today, Kala has hired three girls to provide home parlour services and wedding makeup services as well.

Deepa lost her husband in 2020 while she was expecting her baby. She walked into Koog-u office, in tears, explaining her dire situation. Today, Deepa is a proud co-owner of ParathaKart, a street eatery providing fresh stuffed parathas made from whole wheat.

Dr. Nandini Keshava

Koog-u identified that domestic helpers were in great need of alternative income streams as many lost their jobs during the pandemic.

Providing rightful opportunity

"We shifted gears to ensure that whoever seeks help from Koog-u would receive a rightful opportunity to grow, empower themselves and be proud that they made it themselves," **Dr. Nandini Keshava,** a neuro-physiologist and a Bharatnatyam dancer, who is the force behind this initiative, told *Star of Mysore*.

Jaya was a good cook and also used to cook for many households. She lost her job due to the pandemic as home-owners preferred self-cooking. "When Jaya approached us, we spoke to a couple of yoga learners and requested them to take lunch from her. The idea clicked and 'lunch box' is her main business now. She has given employment to four other needy women and they supply both lunch and dinner to Yoga learners," Dr. Nandini said.

Similarly, **Mahadevamma** lost her husband during the peak of the pandemic and had no source of income to support herself and her family. She now runs the ParathaKart along with Deepa.

Through the mentorship provided by Koog-u, these women were not only able to start their own businesses to cater to local demands but were also making day-to-day business decisions without seeking any advice.

Family Planning Association of India celebrates Women's Day

Mysuru, Mar. 13- Family Planning Association of India (FPAIndia), Mysuru Branch, celebrated International Women's Day 2023 in collaboration with Lions Club of Mysore Garden City at Government CPC Polytechnic in city on Mar. 8.

The programme was inaugurated by Padmavathi, Deputy District Health and Educational Officer, Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, Padmavathi said, one must give respect to women as it gives tremendous happiness to us. In olden days, women used to sacrifice their life for the welfare of their family and it had a positive impact on the whole family. She also spoke about demoralisation of women-folk in the current era in spite of improved education system and creating awareness of their rights.

Bijimole, Branch Manager, FPAIndia, Mysuru Branch, presided over the event. Prof. M.J. Deepthi, Head, Department of BSW, St. Philomena's College, Mysuru and Member of FPAIndia, Mysuru, Prathima Krishna, President, Lions Garden City and others were present.

K. Vinutha, Selection Grade Lecture, Government CPC Polytechnic, Mysuru, welcomed. Devika, Programme Officer, FPAIndia, Mysuru Branch, proposed a vote of thanks.

Woman entrepreneur feted

Entrepreneur Shubha Sanjay Urs (Founder, Managing Trustee and Chairperson of the Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 and Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust) was felicitated at a programme organised by Rotary Club of Mysore Royal and Royal Prerana Rotary Community Corps (RCC), Hampapura, in city recently marking International Women's Day celebrations. Rtn. R. Krishna, Rtn. Ramaradhya, Rtn. Rajashekar Kadamba, Rtn. Harish, Rtn. Ganesh Lad and Rtn. Hanumantha Rao were present.

India Shines at Oscars: RRR's 'Naatu Naatu', 'The Elephant Whisperers' Win

Music composer M.M. Keeravani** (right) **and lyricist Chandrabose after recieving the Oscar. 'The Elephant Whisperers' Director Kartiki Gonsalves** (left) **and producer Guneet Monga celebrating their win.

Dancers performing for 'Naatu Naatu' song at the award function.

Los Angeles, Mar. 13 (Agencies)- India shone at the 95th Academy Awards (Oscar Awards) at Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Naatu Naatu from South Indian movie *RRR*, directed by S.S. Rajamouli won the Best Original Song making history as the first movie from India to win the honour while *The Elephant Whisperers* directed by Kartiki Gonsalves won the Best Documentary Short award.

Naatu Naatu's global domination is now complete, having also won the 'Golden Globe' for Best Original Song in January this year. The song was performed live during the Oscar ceremony by singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava and danced by Lauren Gottlieb which received standing ovation from the audience.

Deepika Padukone, the third Indian to attend as a presenter after Persis Khambatta and Priyanka Chopra, introduced the performance.

Team *RRR* — Director S.S. Rajamouli and actors Ram Charan and Jr. NTR, music composer M.M. Keeravani, lyricist Chandrabose attended the award ceremony.

Wishing the RRR team, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted "Exceptional! The popularity of 'Naatu Naatu' is global. It will be a song that will be remembered for years to come. Congratulations to @mmkeeravaani, @boselyricist and the entire team for this prestigious honour. India is elated and proud. #Oscars."

"Congratulations to @EarthSpectrum, @guneetm and the entire team of 'The Elephant Whisperers' for this honour. Their work wonderfully highlights the importance of sustainable development and living in harmony with nature. #Oscars," PM Modi congratulated 'The Elephant Whisperers' team.

Keeravani performed in Mysuru

B.P. Manjunath

Mysuru, Mar. 13- *Naatu Naatu* composer M.M. Keeravani, who bagged an Oscar this year had performed during Dasara Music Festival in 2009, recalls former BJP National Council Member and former Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman B.P. Manjunath.

In a press release, Manjunath has stated that during 2009 Dasara Music Festival when he (B.P. Manjunath) was the President of Dasara Cultural Committee, Keeravani had participated in the music festival organised in front of Mysore Palace, where he had sung late actor Dr. Rajkumar's song.

He has further stated that it was proud moment for him to have introduced Keeravani to the people of Mysuru.

Dr. Gangubai Hangal's 110th birth anniversary celebrated

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (PM&TRR) - Rich tributes were paid to noted exponent of Hindustani Classical Music Dr. Gangubai Hangal on her 110th birth anniversary at a function held at Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University premises at Lakshmipuram in city recently.

The birthday celebration was inaugurated by her senior disciple and Karnataka Kalasri awardee Dr. Sulabha Datt Neeralagi by offering flowers to the portrait of Dr. Gangubai Hangal.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sulabha Datt Neeralagi said that the simplicity of Dr. Gangubai Hangal, her discipline, her teaching of music and her commitment to *riyaz* (systematic practice of music) were role models to her disciples like me. She was very committed to teach music.

Chief guest Dr. Nagaraja Havaldar, who is an internationally acclaimed Hindustani Classical Musician said that the days of learning Dr. Gangubai Hangal's music were difficult and despite severe limitations, she contributed enormously to the Hindustani Classical Music.

Another chief guest, retired IAS officer and renowned Hindustani vocalist Dr. Muddukrishna said that only an artiste can live in the hearts of the people till the end. "Music teaches peace and patience. Dr. Gangubai Hangal didn't pursue music for any pleasure or glory. Music should be pursued to achieve excellence and not fame. Simplicity takes any profession to greater heights," added Dr. Muddukrishna.

Vice-Chancellor of Music University Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, who presided, said that if students learn music with devotion, their way to achievement becomes easier. "Though our University was a little subdued during COVID period, we are now back on track by organising various cultural programmes continuously. Students who have participated in various State and South Zone music competitions have brought laurels to our University," Prof. Bettakote added.

"Our University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with various other Universities and Gangubai Hangal Gurukala, through which we are organising many cultural exchange programmes. More and more students are seeking admissions for Post-Graduate courses in our University. It is a matter of pride that many distinguished persons of various departments and senior scholars have enrolled in our Music University to obtain D.Lit degree," Prof. Bettakote said.

Members of the Managing Committee who had worked during the period 2019-22 were felicitated on the occasion.

Later, students of the University performed cultural programmes. University Registrar (Administration) Prof. T.S. Devaraj and others were present.

Advanced LabVIEW workshop held at CIT

Ponnampet, Mar. 13- The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Coorg Institute of Technology (CIT), Ponnampet, conducted a three-day Hands-on workshop on "Advanced LabVIEW" for third semester students with the goal of bridging the knowledge gap between the academic curriculum and industrial practice recently.

A total of 49 students participated in this workshop. The resource person was V.R. Manjunatha, Embedded Software Specialist, C.S. Group, Montreal, Canada.

The workshop started off with an introduction to LabVIEW and some of its fundamental commands. The participants learned how to use different LabVIEW operations. Additionally, the Front Panel and Back Panel environments — the two main types of LabVIEW environments — were introduced.

The idea and utilisation of the preconfigured models available for immediate use in LabVIEW was also discussed.

Manjunatha gave an overview of how industrial challenges are solved using LabVIEW by referencing actual difficulties from real-world applications toward the end of the workshop. The session concluded by providing some helpful LabVIEW shortcuts and key points.

During the valedictory, C.P. Rakesh Poovaiah, Hon. Secretary, Kodava Education Society and Dr. M. Basavaraj, Principal of Coorg Institute of Technology, appreciated the resource person. HoD of ECE Dr. S.S. Divakara and staff were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ersatz

Pronunciation: AIR-sahts.
Meaning: Ersatz describes a usually artificial and inferior substitute or imitation.
Origin: Evidence of ersatz in English dates to the middle of the 19th century, but the word didn't come into prominence until World War I. Borrowed from German, where Ersatz is a noun meaning "substitute," the word was frequently applied as an adjective to modify terms like coffee (made from acorns) and flour (made from potatoes)—ersatz products necessitated by the privations of war. By the time World War II came around, bringing with it a resurgence of ersatz products, ersatz was wholly entrenched in the language. Today, ersatz describes any substitute or imitation, especially when it's inferior to the original.
Example: "The old king whose rolling head got everything going wasn't much of a monarch, just the type of ersatz ruler who crops up between the decline of one great kingdom and the rise of another." —Salman Rushdie

THE ODD WORD

Easement

Rights held over another's land.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hit the ground running

Meaning: 'Hit the ground running' means to immediately start an activity and work very hard and with full commitment.
Origin: The usage of the phrase is associated with the invasion of Normandy (also known as 'D-Day') in World War 2. It was used to describe Nazi troops hitting the ground and running for cover after Allied ships invaded the shores. However, first recorded use of the phrase was in the story 'King of the Liars', which was published in several newspapers in 1895: "I knew I had five more cartridges, so I hit the ground running and squatted low down..."
Example: "As soon as the CEO approval of the new product came through, the entire office hit the ground running."

QUOTE BOX

Run in the morning... before your brain figures out what your body is doing! **—Anonymous**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

R.P.I

Answer: A grave error.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A venomous serpent
4 Ruth's husband in the Old Testament
8 Repast
12 Literary snippets
13 "To be" in Toulouse?
14 Pimples
15 Ask a taxi to stop so that you can board it? (4,1,3)
17 Luv's twin brother
18 Shoot; twig
19 Scottish hillside
21 Dead Letter Off.
23 On ship
27 Triumphant cry
30 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"
32 Following
33 Nicholas or Alexander
35 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
37 Portuguese song
38 Burglar
40 An evergreen tree
42 Affectionate term for father/dad
43 Today's Iran
45 A cutting tool
47 Tolkien's bad guys
49 Furious
53 Airline to Tel Aviv (2,2)
56 Stocky; solid (5-3)
58 Diesel oil, slang
59 Gaelic language
60 Bowler or fedora?
61 Mild or docile
62 Horned animal
63 Atomic mass unit

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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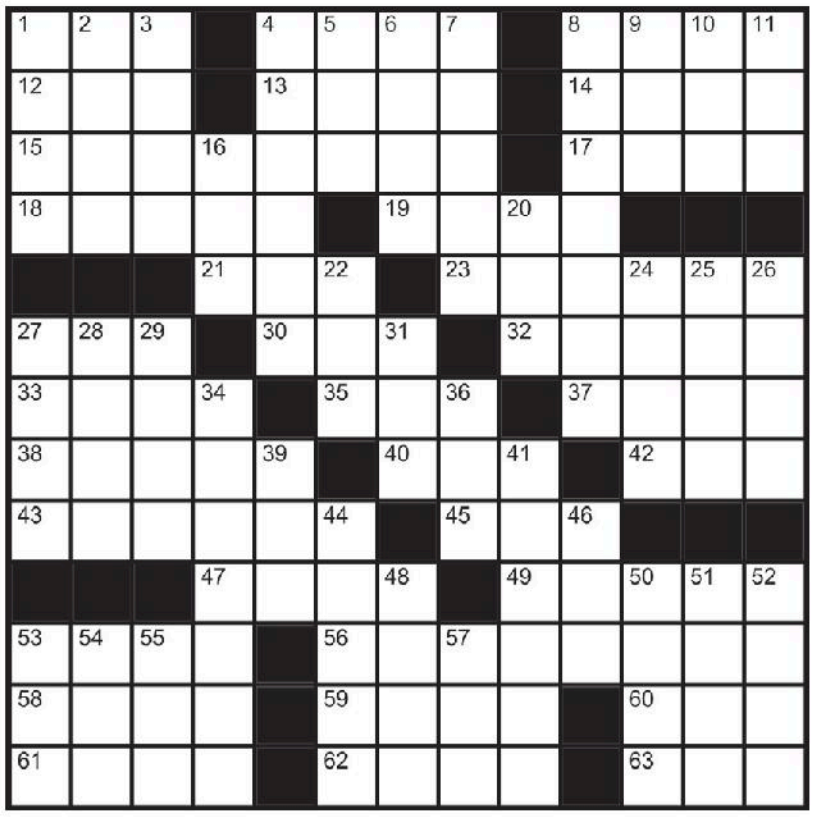
DOWN

1 Sounds of delight
2 Fast card game
3 Duo
4 A hunting dog
5 Over the counter, acronym
6 Arafat, for example
7 Striped equine
8 Depart hastily? (4,3)
9 Old French coin
10 Ques. companion
11 Town in Ladakh
16 Cover
20 Arab sleeveless garment
22 Choose
24 Nipa palm
25 Perform or accomplish again
26 To let fall
27 Start of a Web site address
28 Ex-Tennis champ Arthur ___
29 They need combing!
31 Frosty or restrained
34 Determination
36 Roman bronze
39 Evergreen tree
41 Legal relinquishment
44 Hurt
46 Twisted or distorted
48 Very dry
50 Ms Parekh or Mrs. Bhosle
51 A sporting side
52 You too in Latin (2,2)
53 Energy Design Technique, abbr.
54 A tract of open ground, especially a grassland or a meadow
55 Prepare for war
57 Airline-Selected Equip.



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	7	2	3	5	8	6	4
3	8	5	7	6	4	9	1	2
4	2	6	8	9	1	3	5	7
5	7	9	3	1	6	2	4	8
8	1	4	9	7	2	6	3	5
6	3	2	4	5	8	1	7	9
7	6	8	5	2	3	4	9	1
9	4	3	1	8	7	5	2	6
2	5	1	6	4	9	7	8	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HA HQ AV WZ VWQZSFZN AMEA 'EUBKHUB' HQ AMZ UECZ

BHFZU AV LHQMHUB WO DZVDKZ JMV REU'A LHQM.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The less men think, the more they talk.

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Chowkabara (K)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Kondraal Paavam (Ta)	(S-2)	4.40 pm
Thuramukham (Ma)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 9.45 pm
Mandala - The UFO Incident (K)	(S-3)	2.05 pm
Taxi (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
CSI Sanatan (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

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65 (E)	:	12.30 pm, 5.30 pm, 10:30 pm
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Mandala: The UFO Incident (K)	:	2.15 pm
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Chowkabara (K)	:	7.50 pm
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Agilan (Ta)	:	11.20 am, 4.35 pm, 9.50 pm
65 (E)	:	2.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Mary (K)	:	2.20 pm
Kondraal Paavam (Ta)	:	4.25 pm
Mandala: The UFO Incident (K)	:	6.55 pm
CSI Sanatan (Te)	:	9.30 pm

'National Champion' in Mental Arithmetic

C. Aditya

Mysuru, Mar. 13- C. Aditya, studying UKG at Eurokids Hebbal, Mysuru, gets National Champion Award in National-level Mental Arithmetic Championship-22 conducted by Math Junior Institute.

The examination was conducted on Dec. 22, 2022 on account of Mathematics Day commemorating birth anniversary of great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Aditya has solved 100 questions of level K0 of Math Junior Institute in 5 minutes 45 seconds with 100% accuracy — Scored 100/100.

The 5.5-year-old young boy from Mysuru has been conferred with title "National Champion" award at 'Nakshatra 23,' the annual award ceremony organised by Maths Junior Institute at J.K. Grounds in Mysuru recently. The award was given by former Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Dr. K.C. Belliappa.

Aditya is the son of R. Chandan Kumar and Dr. Anuradha, residents of Hebbal 2nd Stage, Mysuru.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 13)

- **Jivan Jyot Welfare Federation, Vadodara (Gujarat):** Craft Bazaar, an exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 14)

- **Jivan Jyot Welfare Federation, Vadodara (Gujarat):** Craft Bazaar, an exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

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Love Birds (K)	(S-4)	5.25 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	(S-1)	11.15 am, 2.40 pm 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.00 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 am
Agilan: King of The Indian Ocean (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 7.20 pm
Thuramukham (Ma)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
65 (E)	(S-4)	12.35 pm, 8.10 pm
Scream VI (E)	(S-4)	2.45 pm, 10.20 pm
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	(S-3)	11.30 am, 2.55 pm 6.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (Hindi atmos)	(S-2)	12.15 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Agilan: King of The Indian Ocean (Ta)	(S-1)	2.05 pm; (S-4) 10.20 pm
Thuramukham (Ma)	(S-1)	5.05 pm
65 (E)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 3.35 pm
Ondu Rabari Kathe (K)	(S-4)	12.40 pm
Mary (K)	(S-4)	5.45 pm
Mandala (K)	(S-4)	7.50 pm

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Memorial Music Programme

Mysuru, Mar. 13- Mridanga Vidwan V. Nagabhushanachar Memorial Music Programme has been organised at Sri Rama Mandira in Jayanagar here on Mar. 15 at 6 pm. Vocal concert by Vid. Rajagopal Bhagavat accompanied by Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy (violin), Vid. V.S. Ramesh (morching), Vid. M.S. Jayaram (ghata) and Vid. M.R. Udaykumar (mridanga). Senior music scholars will be felicitated on the occasion.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 13)

Delhi Capitals Vs **Royal Challengers Bangalore** — 7.30 pm
Venue: Dr. D.Y. Patil Sports Academy, Navi Mumbai

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 14)

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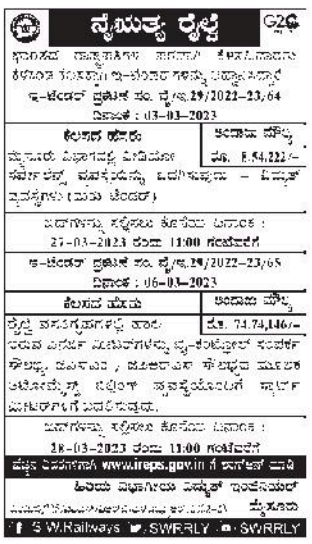

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